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A. I had hepatitis and I showed him my arm and everything and he says you've got hepatitis and then I went -- in fact I wasn't even going to go to court the next day and my attorney you little t--d, you are going, so I wound up going to court the next day for the final hearing and then that next morning I was in Vets Hospital.

Q. Would did the doctor conclude about the cause of the hepatitis? Did he speculate?

A. Jim, yeah, he did. You see if you've got infectious hepatitis they put screens around you and all this stuff and they put you in a restricted ward. But with me they didn't. And the only thing they kept telling me was how long have you been an addict, and I said what, and they said well you have to have been an addict. And I said why's that and they said because you've got (serum) hepatitis. And I said so what?

Q. You got it from a needle or something?

A. Yeah. Then he started talking and he said are you an addict? And I said hell, no, I'm not an addict. And he said have you had any blood transfusions in the last six months and I said no, I haven't. And he says well have you had any shots or anything like that, and I said my doctor gave me a shot for a cold that I had about three or four months ago, and he said that wouldn't have been it. And he said it sure looks to me like you've been hit with a needle. So then when it starts darning on me what he's trying to tell me, about four or five weeks later I asked him for a letter, and like I don't want to be involved. So I said fine, what the hell, you can't push those people.

Q. We've already asked you about TED SLACK and JOHN BLOOMER. You don't know these people, right?

A. I don't think that I do. I haven't seen a picture of them or anything.

Q. The names don't sound familiar.

A. The only one that could possibly sound familiar is BLOOMER.

Q. Is he in there?

A. I haven't seen him in St. Louis. I wouldn't know if he's in there or not. I wouldn't know.

everybody said, man, he's a maniac, referring to you, and like I'm going around like this here.

Q. SCHILLER's a lovely guy. He's been a real help in this whole thing. Let me ask you this about WHEAT, have you thought of any other characters that hung around WHEAT's house since we talked last night?

A. Well, there was -- Jim, you're going to find that my memory of names is not too good.

Q. If you can't remember the name, you can describe them.

A. Right, there was one alcoholic that spent a lot of time there at WHEAT's house. He was a friend of WHEAT's and he had just gotten out of the drunk tank I think at the County Jail. And he went to work there, you see, he started staying there at WHEAT's house when DR. DRENAN wanted to build the bunker, the cement bunker at his house, this drunk and WHEAT went out and built the cement bunker.

Q. Does he have one there now?

A. No, he moved from that house. He now lives, I think, in Lake Hollywood. STEVE MURTON's got his address and telephone number and everything.

Q. Anyway, you have the alcoholic.

A. Yeah.

Q. What does he look like?

A. As I recall he would be probably about 53 or 54 in 1964 and he was a typical looking alcoholic, you know...

Q. Puffy?

A. Yeah, puffy and yet he was oh probably he stood around 5'9", probably weighed about 150# and I think he had had a good education at one time or another because when he was sober and when he wasn't shaking he sounded pretty...

Q. Lou, that almost sounds like the no. 3 man in the photograph. Don't we have one in which you can almost see him which we could show for comparison purposes in the walking picture, you know where he's almost in view? He's almost...he's a real alcoholic bum, he's listed that way. You have the first two and then you have the third man that's usually hidden that you can't see but his face partly comes in view in one of them.

A. But JOHN LORENY and his two buddies they spent a lot of time there.

Q. And you say LORENY is a German?

A. Yeah, I think he would be, I really

Q. Is he NSRP?

A. I would say definitely so. I would say, in fact I would say that practically everybody there at that house was NSRP.

Q. DRENNAN is known to be.

A. Well, GAYLE was, too.

Q. That simplifies things a lot. I knew GAYLE was way out but I didn't classify him as NSRP.

A. Oh, Christ, GAYLE, in fact GAYLE had the Signal Hill American Legion Club. They lost their national franchise because of GAYLE.

Q. Yeah, but I mean it isn't just a case of his being radical, he's NSRP?

A. No, he's National State's Rights Party.

Q. Good.

A. In fact on his ticket when he was running, this was what his big thing was, was running on National State's Rights and I don't know about BRADLEY, like I say, I only met him that one time.

Q. What does GAYLE do now?

A. I don't know. I have no idea. I heard that he was down around, I think it was LaJolla which is down close to San Diego.

Q. I mean has he calmed down any?

A. No, no. He's still real active.

Q. Did GAYLE ever show up at WHEAT's house?

A. Oh, yes, he was there the night that BRADLEY was there. In fact it was GAYLE and BRADLEY that were standing together in back of the room when I gave my talk.

Q. Do you remember roughly when that was?

A. I would say September of 1963. It would have either had to had been August or September of 1963. It would have had to had been one of the two dates. And I'm almost positive it was September.

Q. Was that shortly after the Whittier talk?

A. No, this was a month or two later.

Q. The Whittier talk would have been August of '63, probably.

A. July or August.

A. It would have been July or August.

Q. Then that's when THORNHILL was back in California. Who else was there at the WHEAT house that you can recall?

A. Well, like there was two old ladies and I know that one of them had been an editor or something for a paper and there was, I want to say that the AYDELOTT were there but I'm not certain. As I recall the AYDELOTTS were there because it really surprised me when they showed up because they had already heard my talk out at someplace out in the San Fernando valley. There was a, I think that there was a man there who gave a talk on Spain, on the Spanish Revolution, I think he was there. I could find his name real easy. My wife was there.

Q. What did he have to say?

A. Really, it was nothing. It was like when I gave my talk the first thing they started doing was hitting me with this, questions, like they were hitting me with like, aren't you fighting the paper tiger? And I said what do you mean by that. Well, who really is our enemies? And I'd say the Communists. Well, who are the Communists. And I'd say what are you trying to say? Well, isn't the Jews behind this thing and shouldn't they be exterminated. And this was the route they were going with me and I'd start changing questions to different people because I didn't want to get involved in the God damn thing. So when the meeting was over WHEAT took me back and introduced me to BRADLEY and GAYLE. And BRADLEY was as I recall, he was like I'm the big deal so just shake my hand and get the pleasure of shaking my hand but don't get too close to me. And it seemed like GAYLE was like, don't touch me or say anything to me because GAYLE here will take care of you. You know, it was that kind of an attitude and he says, he started talking, he said your talk was very interesting, would you like to meet REV. MCINTYRE. And I said yes, I would. And he said maybe I can set up a date. And I told him then, I don't think it will be possible cause I'll be leaving town before long. And he started talking about my contacts that I had in Dallas, Texas, and as I recall I told him LESTER LOGUE and HUNT, DAN SMOOT and GEN. WALKER and all this and then he wanted to know who I knew in Miami and I said the only one that I do know is DR. CROCKETT. And he said who do you know out here. And I told him, I said what do you mean. And I told him JOHN ROUSSELIEU knows me because he sanctioned me to give the talks to the John Birch groups and I told him that I had met DR. FORD out at the NOSEBURY's farm and this is all that was said and someone walked over and said something about do you really think that Kennedy was responsible for the Bay of Pigs failure? And I said hell, that's a matter of record. And he said something else and he says something awful to me about the son of a bitch, referring to Kennedy. I don't even know who it was. I think it was a woman but it started.

- Q. You seen him with GAYLE?
- A. Oh, yeah, in fact GAYLE, I seen him back there with BRADLEY, I seen him talking with everybody else.
- Q. The night you talked when BRADLEY was there, DRENAN was there, too?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you know who the head of the NSRP group is out there?
- A. I have no idea whatsoever, none whatsoever.
- Q. Could it be GAYLE?
- A. Could be, but I don't know.
- Q. The Commission Exhibits associate DRENAN with NSRP but GAYLE has a number of other titles, I think he has three or four other organizations, each one of them semi-religious.
- A. Well, GAYLE's -- I think you'll find that they're all from that house, they're all involved in four or five different organizations. Maybe just on the fringes of the organization, like maybe they'll attend meetings or something like this here, but at least they're involved in four or five different ones.
- Q. At that time you were conscious that National State's Rights Party was one of them.
- A. Yeah. Well, I shouldn't say that because they didn't say, "I am in the National State's Rights Party" but they espoused all of their stuff, you know, all of their propaganda, this is what they espoused upon, this is what they talked about.
- Q. Do you know anyone else in L.A. you might not have seen with that particular group that you associate with the NSRP?
- A. There was possibly one of the fellows who was on the Sheriff Patrol could quite possibly fit into that. He knew GAYLE when GAYLE was running for Congressman and they had some real way out lunatics that lived out there in the Saugus area such as that one woman I was telling you about with the lazier gun and -- but that would be the only one that I know of.
- Q. Sheriff of what county is that?
- A. L.A. County. He had an automobile accident and got a medical retirement from the Sheriff's Department.
- Q. Is there anybody in Miami that you associate with the NSRP?

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- A. I didn't know anybody in Miami that was in NSRP. Somebody mentioned to me if I remember the name of MILTEER and I might have met him. If I had met him it would have been at the book store that PATRICK hung around.
- Q. The book store in Miami?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What book store was that?
- A. It was a, er, er...
- Q. A right-wing book store?
- A. Yeah, a right-wing book store.
- Q. Did it have one of these names like Patrick Henry Book Store, or something like that?
- A. Yeah, in fact I think that was the name of it.
- Q. What about Dallas? Do you know any NSRP members in Dallas or who might be?
- A. No. Of course, Dallas is a different breed of cat altogether. It's like at that meeting at LOGUE's house when the old boy jumped up and said rather than give two thousand dollars for this thing here I'd rather donate to a fifty thousand dollar pot and have Kennedy killed. And like you can say that there's a possibility he might be in this.
- Q. When was that said?
- A. That would have been probably, I think it was either -- it would have to have been in June, at the June meeting I had there, on my way back to California or in October when I was going back down to Miami from California, and I don't remember what time it was.
- Q. You don't remember who said that?
- A. Yeah, I can tell you all about him. Him and his business partner had just bought another -- we were in LOGUE's office and there was five other people in there besides myself. There was LOGUE, myself, the two men that had the trucking company and a man I think that was with Texas Optical. I think, or Texas Instrument. I positive that it was one or the other. Anyway, the two men that were there that owned the truck company, they had just purchased another trucking company for I think it was two and a half million dollars and this made them the largest truckline owner in either Texas or the United States, I forget which one it was. But they had just bought another trucking company, I think it was, it was some big company they just bought. And we were talking about putting two thousand dollars

A. They talked about the international brigade that PATRICK wanted to get started.

Q. Interpen?

A. Yes, Interpen. And he gave WALKER. Christ it was a book about this thick that had the background of Interpen and how it would be set up and what their functions would be and it would be like the SOP and MOP and the whole bit for the Interpen. And he gave that to WALKER and they talked about what it would take to set up an organization like this, that it couldn't be done in this country but that it could be done down in Latin America. And WALKER says you're doing a good job, keep it up, but the Government's going to be trying to nail your butt and all this stuff. And we left.

Q. Did REYNOLDS leave with you?

A. I don't recall. I really don't. He might have stayed, I don't know.

Q. There's an odd organization which we've come across called the International Anti-Communist Brigade which has headquarters in Alabama. Do you know anything about that at all?

A. No, I don't know anything about it. Because I was interested in only one thing when I was out giving talks, and that was to get the equipment for my raid and this is all I was after. I'm not going to be sitting here and telling you that I was doing this, that this raid was coming off just because I felt loyal to Cuba, because it wasn't. I was going to make some money off that raid. I had one television company that was going to buy some of the film because that's what we were going in for. We were going in for film, that's the reason I took TOM DUNCAN in, that's the reason I had a 16mm Bolex camera, that's the reason I had about 50 reels of film, part of it was infrared, part of it was colored, and part was black and white. We had two 35mm cameras.

Q. With all the people you talked to you couldn't find financing? It seems like there should be some interest in what you do.

A. In all the meetings that I went to I would make like \$28 at this meeting, like the most I think I ever got at one meeting was around \$130. One fellow gave me-- well he went around to all the different dairy farms and I think as I recall he gave me \$600 and that was the most. But I made a list, everytime I gave a talk I gave a receipt for what I -- everytime I gave a talk I gave a receipt for the money and then I'd take a receipt myself and then I'd turn this receipt over to JOSE NORMAN who was a Cuban. And JOSE NORMAN in turn turned it over to JOHN ROBERTSON of the Birch Society. And then when I got ready to leave I had to match receipts for equipment I'd paid for the money that was given.

- M: He took it to verify it with his friends the other day, to make sure it was marked properly.
- Q: Where's GARY now?
- M: He went up this morning to take his physical for the draft board.
- Q: Oh.
- A: That's beautiful. Take the mustache off and add the beard.
- Q: You look better with a mustache, we've decided. The reason we did that, we knew there was a period when you did not have the mustache, to construct what you did look like then. I don't know how close that came.
- A: I thought possibly I had seen one that might look similar and I thought it would kind of match up for you.
- Q: Does he have any resemblance to that person we're looking for? We're looking for a heavy set Latin who's been a constant escort of OSWALD's in New Orleans...
- A: This is -- do you have a picture of him?
- Q: No.
- A: What does he look like?
- Q: Described by everybody who saw him as extremely powerful, very dark...
- A: This fits DUARTE.
- Q: Unusually thick neck, and not all of them, but a number of them say a scar on the left eyebrow, but they all are conscious of an unusually thick neck and an impression of real power.
- A: I tell you what I'll do. I'll get a picture of -- from RUSSELL and get that sent to you. Cause he's got the picture and his name JOSE -- he's used a lot of aliases, he shows up in California and he's gone for a while. In fact, if I'm not mistaken, RUSSELL said that he had been to New Orleans.
- Q: At one-time, you mean?
- A: Yeah, and he said he had also been to Miami and he wanted to know if I knew him.
- Q: That's RUSSELL of LAPD.
- A: Yeah, of LAPD, Subversive of Intelligence.

Q. Do you recall what he looked like in the photograph?
Did he seem powerful?

A. He looked powerful, had a mustache. As I recall, what it was, it was a mug shot, so all you could see was just part of his neck and his head. I didn't find it in this book. But there was something that might-- of course, you really can't tell by photographs now-- I'll give you a real prime example of it. There's a fellow in California whose name is GILBERT and he's associated with RENUTZIE, like I say RENUTZIE, and BRADLEY and all of this. Well, ...

Q. I don't want to interrupt you, but who is RENUTZIE?

A. RENUTZIE had the book store and an insurance company on Hollywood Blvd. This guy's name is GILBERT, I forget what his first name was. I seen him around the book store because he worked there. He's wanted for armed robbery and he's wanted -- no, he's wanted for attempted murder with a gun and he was wanted for stealing explosives I believe at one of the Hercules plants. And he takes off and they've got a picture of him within a few days after he leaves. And he goes to Canada and he's in Canada about five or six months.

Q. Who's that?

A. GILBERT. And like all of this ties in with Canada.

Q. You know what that means, don't you?

A. Yeah.

Q. What does it mean?

A. There's a report that somebody said that they know who killed Kennedy, and this happened in Canada.

Q. We found pretty consistently that anybody visiting Canada regularly, usually turns out to be in the CIA because they have a place out there where they go, especially Montreal.

A. I think really that the next time that you come to L.A., I'd sure like to get RUSSELL together with you because he's got a lot of stuff on Canada. It's like he thinks right now that HOUGHTON or whatever his name is, is in Canada. *107*

Q. Who's that?

A. SGT. RUSSELL, he's in the LAPD Subversive.

Q. You can tell him, it might interest him, that we find Canada coming up all the time, especially Montreal, and we're satisfied that the reason it comes up is because of CIA using the Montreal headquarters for part of this operation.

A. So here's what happens. GILBERT goes to Canada he's there for about five or six months.

he comes back, like you don't even recognize the man. RUSSELL says it was an absolute and complete change. Even his style of talking, his habits, like I talk and I use my hands and so did GILBERT but when he came back, it's like he didn't use his hands when he talked. It's like when you have a twitch in the eye, you don't have that twitch any more. He lost 40 pounds of weight, changed the color of his hair, had his hair cut, grew a mustache and like you wouldn't -- he said he stood in court and the guy was standing there by his lawyer and he wouldn't even stand as he was called up to the front, he said I couldn't believe it because I couldn't testify against the man because he's not the same man that I knew.

Q. What did he look like before, do you know?

A. He was probably around 5'10½", 5'11", probably weighed about 175# or 180#, blonde hair, kind of thin face and this is what I was looking like on one -- this one right here -- I was trying to see if this is what it was. He was built a whole lot like this one here but I don't think it's him.

Q. Do you know GILBERT's first name?

A. No, I don't.

Q. What kind of work did he do?

A. He worked there in the book store. RENUTZIE's book store.

Q. Was he associated with the Nazi type?

A. Oh, yeah.

Q. When did he go to Canada?

A. I think RUSSELL said it was in '65 or '66.

Q. What about DUARTE? You started out telling us about DUARTE. JOSE DUARTE is one of his names?

A. Yes, JOSE DUARTE is one of his names.

Q. And you're going to try to get us a mug shot?

A. I'll get one and get it sent to you. I'll get a copy of the one on GILBERT...

Q. We'll have to set up some liaison with RUSSELL. What's his precise inquiry about so we'll know.

A. What happened was this. The Sheriff's Department a week ago Monday started a full investigation into BRADLEY. The reason for it was they know that he's now associated or they feel that he is now associated with all of these radical groups, like he's really not a moderate like he says. Like he pops up every f---king place.